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Environmental groups cultivate interest

JIM NOLAND
Staff Writer

Last Wednesday, PUC celebrated Earth Day 2000 by holding its Earth Week Fair in the concourse of the SFLC building. Representatives from several of Northwest Indiana's largest environmental groups attended, providing information to students.

The Indiana Department of Environmental Management, The Northwest Indiana Regional Planning Commission, the Grand Calumet Task Force and The City of Hammond Recycling Center were among the 10 groups represented at the fair.

Paula Knish, from the City of Hammond Recycling Center, talked about some of the Region's largest recycling problems. Many of these recycling problems had to do with hazardous chemicals found in household cleaners, paints and batteries.

"Some people just pour them down the drain," Knish said.

As a result of this problem, Knish said that the recycling center will hold a hazardous waste collection at its facility at 625 Conkey St. in Hammond, on April 29 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Knish also said that there isn't one particular item found most often in landfills, but rather a combination of several.

However, some items have been accumulating in landfills at an alarming rate.

She said old electronic devices have become a significant environmental problem since few know these products can be recycled.

On April 24, the recycling department will begin to collect obsolete electronics. The collection will continue until April 28 at the Hammond Recycling Center. No radios or televisions will be accepted.

Knish believes that although recycling may have lost popularity among many people, it is quite an efficient process.

"It's amazing when we see the amount of things the trucks pick up. It's just mounds of things, but once it's on the belt, it's out in a flash."

Plastic milk containers are smashed into bails and local auto yards use the recycled aluminum. The remaining pulverized material is shipped for reprocessing.

"Things move very quickly, trucks pull in and out all

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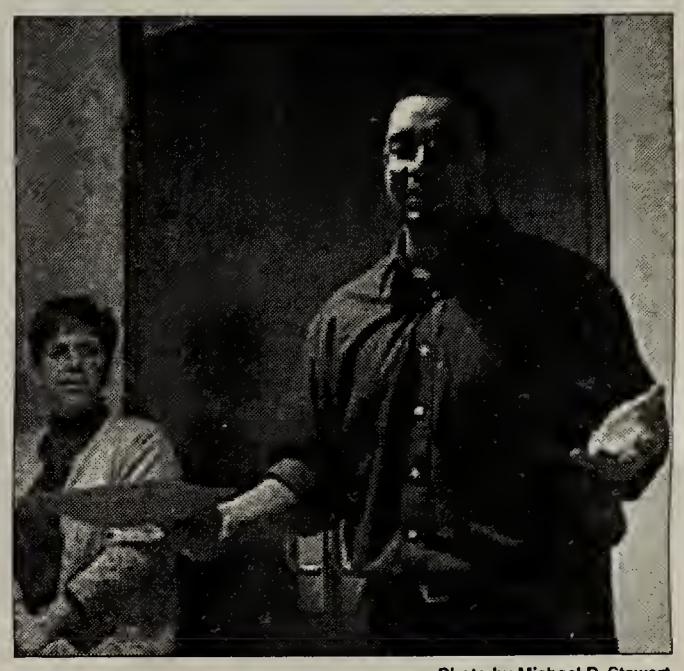

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Adel Iskandar Farag, co-recipient of the Outstanding Graduate Student of the Year Award, was one of many honored at the Communication and Creative Arts Award Ceremony held in Founder's Lounge last Wednesday.

Sigrid Stark Awards Ceremony celebrates creativity

JEN BERG
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The 27th Annual Sigrid Stark Writing Awards Ceremony may have been a little more special than usual this year.

Charles Tinkham, the keynote speaker at the event, announced his retirement earlier this year after more than 45 years at the university.

At the gathering of award-winning young writers, Tinkham told the audience of some of his personal struggles that accompanied his climb to success in the field.

From being told he could not write, to taking 10 years to be published, Tinkham's philosophy is, for every competition, there is a loser. Without losers, we wouldn't have winners. Tinkham said that the most important competition for writers is the competition with themselves.

"Writers cannot be compared to one another, they are individualists. If you have faith in form and content, you will succeed," Tinkham said.

He went on to tell the audience that memory is the first tool of writing. Throughout Tinkham's tenure at PUC, he feels that he has learned more from students than they have learned from him and he thanks them for this.

Later in the ceremony, his students read three of their favorite poems by Tinkham. The students read such poems as "Stone Face Tyrant," "For My Grandmother" and "Growing Up in the USA."

Tinkham has been writing short stories and poetry for more than 40 years. He has been published in more than 100 periodicals and his works have been translated into five different languages.

The presentation of the awards was given, with Best of the Year Award, going to Dave McCullon for "Smoke and Mirrors," a novel in progress. Some special category awards were also given, such as The Fernando Martinez Memorial Essay, won by Peter Aranda for "They Call Me Noodlehead" and the Shirley Staton Memorial Essay on Feminism won by Heather Cook for "Progression in Marriage."

High school students were included in the contest with a category in high school poetry; first place went to Ruth Krygsheld for "Uneasy sleeper."

After the ceremony, the participants were invited to a reception to mingle with some of the judges and those who participated in the contest.

"The contest represents an acknowledgment of the many promising student writers in our midst," Sandra Goldsmith, chairperson for Sigrid Stark Writing Awards, said.

Student services offers newsletter for voluntary e-mail access

AMY AURELIO
Features Editor

Students, faculty and the community can receive information about activities in any student service office in a newsletter created by PUC's student services department by the simple click of a mouse. Located on the "Current Student" page of the Purdue University Calumet website at www.calumet.purdue.edu, the newsletter link asks for an e-mail address and a choice to subscribe or unsubscribe.

The newsletter also includes a comment form where anyone can send feedback or ask for further information by e-mail to student services. The monthly newsletter serves as a reminder of events, deadlines and other important information from all offices in student services.

Thirteen student service offices send in information to include in the newsletter. These include Admissions, the Counseling Center and Educational Talent Search.

According to Anthony Gunia, the systems specialist for financial aid, the idea for the newsletter was presented to the student services web development team about a year ago. The student services web development team consists of representatives from each of the student service offices that meet each month to share information and

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Talk sheds light on affirmative action policy

CORTNEY CRONBERG
News Editor

The policy of affirmative action has proven to be a controversial topic since it began in 1965. Affirmative action is an outreach effort to recruit and hire qualified men and women for employment. There are three parts to affirmative action: disability, men and women and Vietnam veterans.

The presentation given on April 19 by Ralph Ocon, an affirmative action officer at PUC, centered around the misconceptions that people have about what affirmative action is.

According to Ocon, affirmative action has been so controversial over the years because many people do not understand what the policy entails. One common misconception is that the program prioritizes meeting quotas, not goals.

Ocon said that affirmative action is not about trying to fill quotas in the job market, but setting goals that define who the employer is looking for to fill the position. He said that most of the affirmative action that exists is about hiring the right people for the job, not about hiring people because there is a quota to fill.

Affirmative action is voluntary except for federal contractors and it is a short-term policy. Ocon said our society uses affirmative action to make up for past discrimination. A company does not have to implement an affirmative action policy unless they have been found guilty of past discrimination. Lawsuits that are filed for discrimination usually end in favor of the employer, so many affirmative action programs do not come into play.

Alan Spector, a professor of sociology, believes that there is more to affirmative action than just the legalities.

"It is not just about legalism, but about racism," Spector said.

Affirmative action and equal opportunity employment differ. Affirmative action is voluntary and equal opportunity employment is mandatory. Ocon said employers can choose whether or not to implement an affirmative action policy, but they must have an equal opportunity employment policy.

Ocon believes that some people feel that affirmative action policies have been in effect for too long. He said that if you consider the statistics, these policies should be kept.

According to Ocon, unemployment rates are still high among minorities, much higher than the national unemployment rate of 4 percent. There is also a wage loss of $200 billion dollars a year to women and their families.

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ADMINISTRATIVE UPDATE

Test anxiety workshop again will be offered during finals week

Last month, prior to mid-term exams, we used this space to announce a workshop the Office of Student Support Services was offering to help students deal with test anxiety.

"We didn't have an overflow crowd by any means, but we did feel that we provided help to those students who did attend," Director of Student Support Services Fred Williams said.

So, the Office of SSS is again offering the one-hour, test anxiety workshop during finals week The sessions are free and open to all students. The workshop will be repeated according to the following schedule:

- Monday, May 8 — 10 a.m., PORT 104
- Tuesday, May 9 — 1 p.m., GYTE 005H
- Wednesday, May 10 — 3 p.m., SFLC 327
- Thursday, May 11 — 11 a.m., CLO 138

"We'll emphasize a little more this time relaxation tips that students can apply to relieve final exam stress," said SSS Academic Coordinator Mary Ann Frenchik, who will conduct the workshops with SSS Counselor Michaeline Florek.

10 helpful hints

Of course, students can help relax themselves by being prepared and utilizing common sense approaches to taking exams. Following is a sampling of 10 hints that will be shared at the workshop:

1 Answer the easiest, shortest questions first.

2 In quick answer tests, your first instinct is usually correct.

3 *When you are stuck on a difficult question, go to another question and return to the difficult one(s) later* as time permits.

4 RE: Multiple Choice Tests: Answer each question in your head before looking at the possibilities given. Multiple choice questions are essentially true-false questions arranged in groups.

5 RE: True/False Questions/Statements: Key words such as "only", "always", "never", and "none" typically signify that the answer is FALSE.

6 RE: Open Book Test: Write down formulas you will need. Tape tabs onto important pages or use paper clips. Number your notes, handouts, etc. and make yourself a short table of contents.

7 RE: Short Answer Test: Concentrate on key words and facts. Be brief.

8 RE: Essay Exams: Determine what precisely is being asked and include only relevant information in your answer. If you use too much filler, you may not have time to complete the rest of the questions. To help organize your response, jot down a quick outline that lists all the points you wish to cover. (If you run out of time, the outline may earn you points.)

9 Motivation and mental attitude are important in test taking situations. Motivation can't make up for lack of ability, but can help you make better use of your ability.

10 When you complete your exam, take time to reread your responses. Look for careless errors, but avoid changing answers, because...See Hint #2.

For additional information about the workshops, check with Student Support Services (SFLC 341-343), PH: 989-2727.

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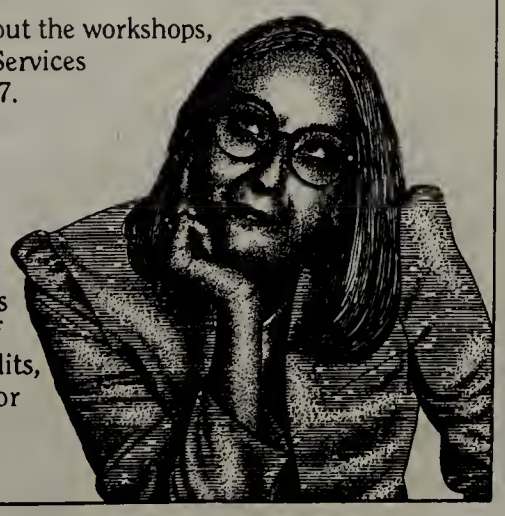
Clarification

Clarifying last week's Administration Update RE: the new fitness management bachelor's degree option ...completion of the program requires 129 credits, 64 of which comprise the major courses.



At a glance

around campus

Purdue University Marketing Association meeting

PUMA will be meeting on May 4 at 5 p.m. in CLO-190.

Society for human resources management meeting

The society for human resources management will be meeting on April 25 at 5:15 p.m. in G-108.

Student officers needed

PUC Police Department is looking for students that have at least six credit hours to work as student patrol officers. The officers will be paid $5.50 per hour and work 20 hours per week. The work schedule can be adjusted to fit your class schedule. For more information on the patrol officer's position, call Sgt. Zwier at (219)989-2222.

Bible study group

Campus Ministry International is holding an Endtime study every Tuesday from 12 p.m. to 12:45 p.m. in SFLC-321 for all who are interested. Other studies offered by CMI are Creation vs. Evolution Wednesdays from 3 p.m. to 3:45 p.m. in SFLC-317 and God's Infallible Word on Thursdays at noon and 3 p.m. in the SGA Senate Chamber. CMI also offers on and off campus Bible studies at arranged times.

Sorority ad booklet

Sigma Lambda Gamma Sorority invites all Greek and student organizations to place ads about their organizations in the sorority's forthcoming ad booklet. The proceeds will be used to fund a scholarship for one Latina student and one Latino student. For more information, call Jessica at (219) 794-7176 or Veronica at (219) 844-0347 or leave a message in the sorority's mailbox outside of room SFLC-344B.

Scholarship, career assistance funds available

The American Association of University Women Educational Foundation awards $3 million in fellowships and grants each year. Funds are available to graduate scholars, women advancing careers, public school teachers and community activists. Only women are eligible to apply for the 2000-2001 funds, and women of color are strongly encouraged to apply. For more information, visit www.aauw.org/3000/fdnfelgra.html or call (319) 337-1716.

National women's conference

Interested students are invited to attend the National Women's Studies Association Conference to be held June 13 to 18, 2000, at Simmons College in Boston. This is an extraordinary opportunity to participate in the national professional organization, to contribute to discussions about the current state of women's affairs and to help shape its future. An effort to raise funds to defray students' costs is underway. For more information, contact Colette Morrow, director of women's studies, in CLO-288, at (219) 989-2256 or at morrow@calumet.purdue.edu.

Hoosier A.D.A.P.T.

The PUC chapter of Hoosier A.D.A.P.T. is now located in SFLC 324E. Members of the organization seek to integrate the disabled and the nondisabled. For more information, visit the new office from 1 p.m. to 3 p.m. or call Andrea Murray at (219)932-4614.

International business group

The PUC chapter of the NWI World Trade Council is seeking new members. The organization tours financial exchanges, hosts discussions of the global economy and brings speakers who specialize in international commerce to campus. All students are welcome. For those interested, call Kathy or Joe (219) 989-2407.

Teach aerobics at the TFC

The Total Fitness Center is looking for aerobics instructors to teach some aerobics classes. Flexible hours, certification preferred but will train. Contact Tina Schmidt at (219) 989-2175.

Sigma Lambad Beta seeks new members

Sigma Lambda Beta, International Fraternity, Inc., Upsilon Chapter, is seeking new members. For those interested, please contact Orlando E. Garcia at (219) 398-6383 or Noel DeJesus at (219)752-6570.

Quote of the week

'Some cause hapiness wherever they go; others whenever they go'

-Oscar Wilde
1854-1900

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Ben Detwiler hoped to make the world a better place.
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Campus profile:

Office of Academic Affairs

JOE JUAREZ
Staff Writer

The Office of Academic Affairs, located in CLO-158, may be the cornerstone for all PUC students who are seeking a degree. If someone is looking for financial services for academic affairs, this could be the place to turn to.

"We offer approximately 80 different degree programs," Ed Andrews, assistant vice chancellor of resource management, said.

"We have six academic schools and we also have the University Division for students who can't decide on what their major should be. Every department has an array of advisers that will help the students who are unprepared," Andrews added.

Lois Gamble, an adviser, explained that the office assists students who are not directly admitted to a degree-granting program or who are undecided about a major.

"In order to help students be successful, the center provides orientation workshops where they are instructed on how to select a major and register for classes," Gamble said.

The office has a Technology and Resource Center that can provide non-credit training courses. The office also offers some credit courses for industrial corporations such as U.S. Steel and Ford Motor Company.

"What we provide is a payroll and a budget service. We work within a university system to make sure all of our bills are paid on time," Andrews said.

"We also provide financial support services for all academic programs that are in sponsored programs. We do their budget and we submit their proposals to outside agencies such as the National Science Foundation," he added.

Andrews said that whether it is a student who wants to know about financial services, or an academic department who is seeking support to be sponsored in a program, the OAA is the office to visit.

Starting April 28, Ed Andrews will be available by appointment every Monday and Friday from 7:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

Office of Academic Affairs

Director: Sandra Singer
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Some of the services it provides: deals with financial support services for various departments, provides orientation workshops and non-credit training courses.
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Marriage and Family Therapy

CARLY FLORES
Special to the Chronicle

This may be an extreme example, but a friend of mine once told me that when he broke up with a girl he was dating, he walked up to her at school one day and said, "What do garbage men do with trash?" and she hesitantly responded, "Dump it?!", to which he proclaimed, *"That's right, and you're* my trash!"

I'm sure most of you would be a little more sensitive and thoughtful than this if you wanted to break up with your girlfriend or boyfriend, but as the song goes, "Breaking up is hard to do." It's difficult enough to decide to end a relationship, but then to actually tell the person can be even tougher. The hardest part is often after you have done the deed and have to deal with your own feelings. Breaking up with someone can leave you feeling guilty, confused and alone. It can also be freeing, exhilarating and empowering if you know that you and the person were not right for each other.

One of the hardest things that young people today have to deal with is figuring out whether the person that you are dating is the ideal person for you. Listed below are some guidelines to go through as a self-test:

1) If the romantic part of the relationship ended, would you still want to keep each other as friends? It's good to think about whether you and your partner share enough respect and interests to want to spend time together and have a friendship even if the romantic part of the relationship were to come to an end. After all, a committed relationship involves companionship as well as attraction.

2) Are you happy with the way he or she treats other people? If a person is rude, violent, condescending or just plain inconsiderate to others, you'll get the same treatment eventually. Watch how your love interest deals with employees, *waitresses, maids, salesclerks,* parking-lot attendants, etc. Also, study their behavior with family members and close friends. If he or she doesn't treat them the way you want to be treated, they're probably not your match made in heaven.

3) Did you like your life before you met him or her? This is sometimes hard to face, but if your life or happiness has drastically improved since you became involved with someone, you may be using the person to transform your unsatisfactory life into a happy and exciting one.

If you do decide to break up with your boyfriend or girlfriend, the actual act of doing it is usually difficult. To help minimize some of the possible awkwardness and ill feelings of breaking up with someone, here are some steps to take to help you through the process:

1) First decide for sure that ending the relationship is what you really want to do. This means that you need to carefully think it over, and that if you don't break up with the person then you will plan to improve the relationship instead.

2) Prepare yourself for possible feelings of loneliness, unhappiness and a yearning for the feeling of the past relationship. One of our natural reactions to temporarily reduce the unpleasant feeling is to get back together with the person, but don't forget that whatever problems led to the break up of the relationship usually are not resolved and will happen again if you get back together.

3) Explain your reasons for breaking up in terms of your own values. Instead of simply telling *someone you don't love them* or aren't attracted to them anymore. It's best to explain how your values and expectations are different and interfere with the relationship.

4) Make the break final. While some couples can sometimes break up and remain friends, hoping for a "let's stay friends" type of relationship is often unrealistic. One or both of you (especially the person that was dumped) will often expect too much from the obligating feeling of maintaining a relationship.

If you and your partner would like some help making a decision about the future of your relationship, or in dealing with ending a relationship, The Marriage and Family Therapy Center at PUC is available to you. We provide individual, couple and family therapy on a sliding fee scale based on family size and income. Sessions are available by appointment both days and evenings. To schedule an appointment, call 989-2027. Keep a look out for our next article on in two weeks that will give you tips on how to deal with getting over a break-up.

Carley Flores is a therapist intern at the PUC Marriage & Family Therapy Center.

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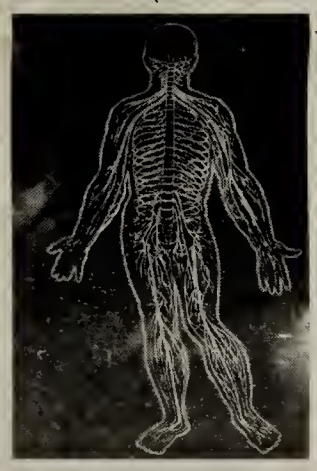

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SGA must make move

College students come to this university for one thing: to get an education. Students join organizations to learn all of the things that cannot be learned in a classroom. Much like procrastination and a lack of organization can lead to poor performance in courses, failure to communicate and plan strategic steps to meet goals can be the downfall of student organizations.

Every student organization has its own internal problems, but the members must develop some way of solving them. Recently the SGA had a few problems within the organization, which is not uncommon for them, and the lack of coordination among the members made the situation worse.

The Chronicle also had a few internal problems, but has been able to deal with such problems. We saw the problems as the opportunities to work harder and learn from the experience. Instead of blaming poor publicity or the university, we tried to solve the problems by proper planning and communication.

For instance, *The Chronicle* also had been facing few problems like the lack of an advertising department, distribution department and a business department. The members of *The Chronicle* planned and *worked persistently to build up those struggling* departments.

The main element in success of any organization is the process of its functioning and not the reaching of the goals. If the process is perfect, the goal will be achieved. We focused on the process of running the organization. The members of existing departments tried to put some extra effort to keep the process running until new departments were formed. Today, *The Chronicle* has all of the departments contributing to the success of the newspaper.

Now it is the SGA's time to come together. It is time for the existing members of the SGA to plan their success. The SGA members formulated a master plan for conducting a survey for the student service fee, only to be criticized by the administrators.

Then came the elections.

Due to lack of interest, only seven students signed up to run in the election. Due to constitutional policy, the candidates could not be on the election committee. The election committee just had two members. It is tough for just two members to conduct the whole process of elections. The key point in this situation is the failure to ask for support from other organizations or students.

Due to the lack of the support, the SGA members were not able to conduct the scheduled debate and the question and answer session. The elections were postponed, due to a lack of members to volunteer to monitor the election table.

The SGA must take some productive steps. By strategic planning and coordination among the members, the SGA may rise again. It must rise again. If it doesn't, more than 9,000 students lose their voice on this campus.

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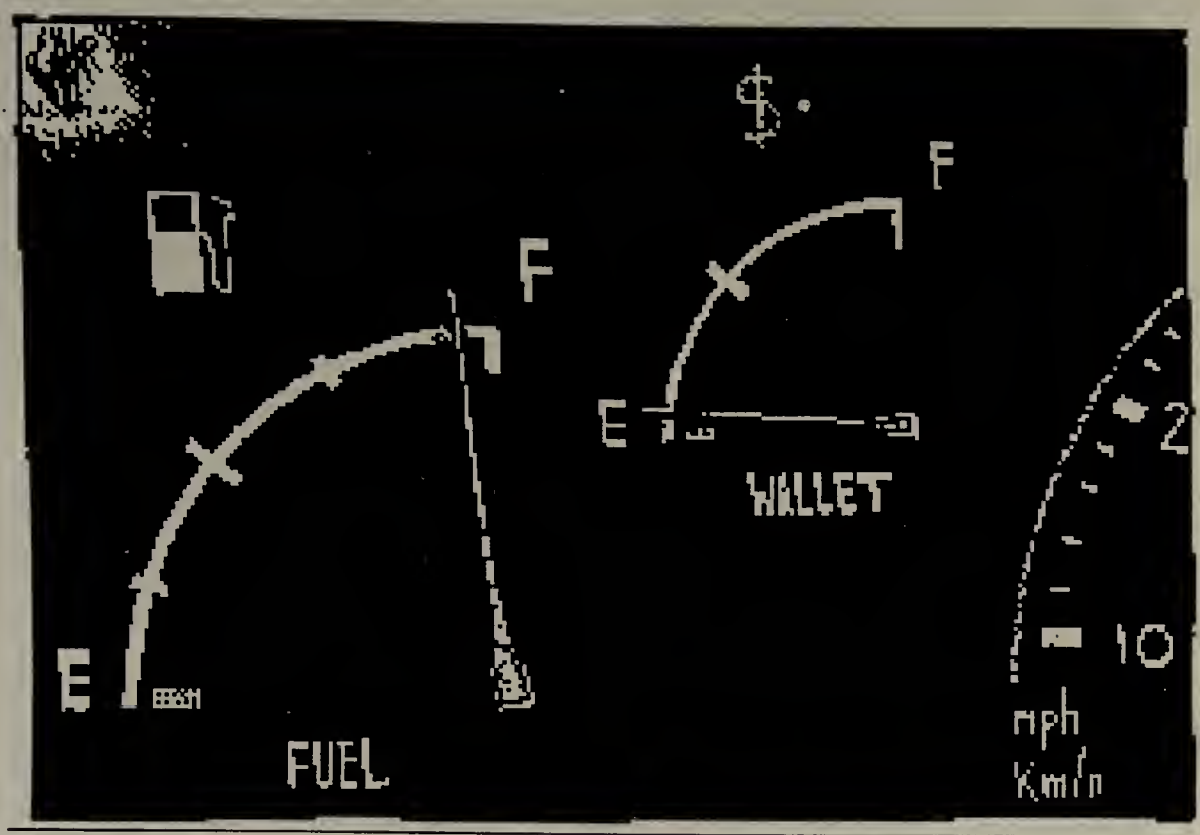

Campus bright side shines

TIFFANY SANCHEZ
Production Manager

I could write about the lousy the parking situation, how unorganized the SGA can sometimes be or the latest controversial dress worn by some celebrity and how it is damaging today's youth. I could even write one about the latest cause that Jesse Jackson has chosen to stand up and fight for. Instead of complaining, I chose to write about something positive for a change. Have you ever noticed how beautiful PUC's landscape is, no matter what season it is?

Over this past school year, I have taken notice of the fact that the campus scenery is always very inviting. Even in the cold winter months, I often felt like sitting outside to admire the view, although I hate the cold weather and snow. I also noticed that the sidewalks were free of snow at all times, even on the days when the snow seemed to be coming down the hardest. This, I thought, was the most amazing and wonderful thing. I could walk to my classes and not worry about getting snow in my shoes and suffering for the rest of the day with wet socks.

Now that the weather is improving (with the exception of the downpour of rain we have had recently) I go outside and enjoy the immaculate lawn and the beautiful flowers. The best part of it is there are no stupid "stay off the lawn" signs, so students can relax and chat with friends, prepare for their next class, participate in a game of Frisbee or enjoy the warmth of the sunlight. It is a rare occasion that I would find litter on the ground or in classrooms.

Come to think of it, our whole campus is pretty nice, both inside and out. We have tons of student lounges to take advantage of, the bathrooms are always pretty clean, the cafeteria workers come around to tables and gather trays once students are done with them and I hardly ever find huge wads of chewing gum or spit in the drinking fountains. Part of this is thanks to the students at PUC for not being disgusting pigs, but the majority of it is due to the maintenance department here at PUC.

PUC's maintenance department has done a great job of keeping our campus clean. Someone has to do these jobs, and I would just like to take this opportunity to thank those people for giving us a beautiful campus to enjoy.

Let your voice be heard. Write a letter to the editor.

The people speak

Question of the Week: Do you think the two first graders in Lake Station should be punished for plotting to kill another classmate?

Syreeda Portis
sophomore, communication
"No, I don't think they should be punished. They didn't even know what they were doing."

Jennifer Perez
freshman, elementary education
"To an extent...They are only first graders, but look what happened before. If the media wouldn't publicize this so much, maybe it wouldn't be such a big problem."

Pete Walstra
freshman, elementary education
"Yes, they should be punished. I don't think thoughts like that should even be going on in a first graders' head. Someone should take the time and teach them what is right and what is wrong."

Jamia Steele
senior, marketing
"Hell yes! They have no business trying to kill someone in first grade. If nothing is done right now, they'll grow up feeling that behavior is okay."

Tiffany Mosley
sophomore, engineering
"Yes, I do because if you don't punish them, they'll never learn. You have to let them know when they are doing things wrong."

Environment

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the time," Knish said.

Knish also added that revenue generated from recycled materials returns toward its own recycling facility and back to the city of Hammond. In addition, the department works in tandem with the Hammond Environmental Education Center.

The center is trying to target the children to educate them about recycling at an early age.

Coming in September, the department's new facility at 2405 Calumet St. will open and will feature a re-use center for arts and crafts.

Materials such as thread and yarn will be collected and distributed to non-profit organizations in the area including local schools.

According to Knish, one local organization already uses craft materials from the recycling department. St. Paul Church in Whiting makes quilts to ship to disaster victims.

Once the trash is disposed of, many people forget about the environmental risks. Some of the trash and chemicals ends up in local bodies of water.

Lisa Tokarz-Gutierrez, a representative from the Grand Calumet Task Force, said this is where her organization steps in.

Although she believes that the organization does more than its namesake implies, they are primarily concemed with local bodies of water.

Extending beyond the cleanup and preservation of the Grand Calumet River, the group will organize a beach sweep on Sept. 9 from 9 a.m. to noon.

Volunteers are encouraged to attend and the sweep will cover the stretch of beachfront from the Hammond Marina to the Indiana Dunes.

"Basically, we want to record (pollution) to get an idea of what kinds of pollutants are turning up on the beaches," Tokarz-Gutierrez said.

By volunteering six hours, attendees will receive a free membership to the task force good for one year.

Tokarz-Gutierrez said the beach sweep results will be published by the Center for Marine Conservation.

Some environmental tips do not involve what you throw away, but rather from how you treat your cars and motorcycles.

According to statistics from the Indiana Department of Environmental Management, keeping car tires properly inflated can increase gas mileage by roughly 15 percent.

Marie Schunke of IDEM offered other car tips as well. She said that these tips not only for help an engine's performance, but also protects our atmosphere.

Schunke gave some advice when people are at the gas pumps. He advises drivers not top off gas tanks while at the pump since the fumes emitted by topping off seep into the atmosphere.

Reggie Korthals, environmental projects coordinator for the Northwest Indiana Planning Commission, agrees.

According to Korthals, 43 percent of air pollution in our area comes from small engines and cars.

"There's a misconception that major industry is causing all of the Region's air pollution," Korthals said.

To demonstrate her point, Korthals said that mowing a lawn with a gas-powered lawnmower for one hour emits the same amount of air pollution as driving a car for 400 miles.

The planning commission will be producing an O-Zone newspaper in June. It will be appearing major publications in the Region.

E-mail

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ideas for the student services Web site.

"The Internet, and in particular, the web now allows our office to effectively communicate the many events and services we have to offer," Gunia said.

He said the online newsletter helps students and the community members stay in touch with an office that caters to their particular needs.

"We hope that it gives students, faculty, staff and others in the community the opportunity to learn more about what the student service offices offer," Gunia said.

He said a newsletter of this type is unique.

"To our knowledge, this is the first of its kind, an online newsletter for students and community for which they can voluntarily receive," he said.

"We encourage all students, community, faculty and staff to learn of what we offer," he said.

Chris Kosovich, a graduate assistant in the Office of Student Leadership Development and member of the web development team agrees that the newsletter is a proactive service to the students and the community.

"It's an alternative to mailings," he said. "It's just one more way to get the information out to the students."

"The newsletter is a great advantage because each student has an e-mail account here at Purdue Calumet," Kosovich said.

Wes Lukoshus, director of University Relations, said that the student services newsletter is a step in the right direction and may provide a template for other similar newsletters on the campus Web site.

"One of the primary values of the website is to get the information out," Lukoshus said.

For any information concerning the Student Services newsletter or offices contact Anthony Gunia at 989-2301.

Affirmative Action

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Affirmative action has been eliminated in California and so has bilingual education. In Indiana and Illinois, laws have been made making English the only official language. In Florida and Texas, affirmative action has been eliminated in the educational system.

"Education has to come from understanding about what discrimination is. Discrimination is learned," Ocon said.

"Affirmative action does not resolve discrimination, but it is used to see that qualified people are hired regardless of their race," he added.

According to Ocon, affirmative action should be part of the community and should be used to promote good will.

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Finding a job is just a click away

RICK PEREGOY
Staff Writer

With the end of the semester only three weeks away, graduating as well as undergrad students may want to consider online job searching as a way to gainl employment.

Such web companies as Headhunter.com or Vault.com offer easy job searches right from your computer. Headhunter.com boasts 3,369,000 users with an enormous amount of resumes on file. Their Web site is designed to appeal to the employee as well as the employer.

College students now have access to an active online agent that helps them find the perfect job whether it's a part time position, an internship or full-time employment.

There is a new online job service out there called Perfect Agent.

"Perfect Agent is a service that links compatible employers with job seekers,"Danny McCall, CEO of Digital Discoveries Inc., said. The service will give college students far more control over their career dccisions."

Perfect Agent can be reached through a Yahoo! search on any computer with an Internet connection.

PUC's Office of Career Development and Placement might be a good place for students to seek guidance. They provide students, alumni and the community with job placement assistance at no cost. They also provide one-hour resume workshops several times a week.

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CEO of Digital Discoveries Inc.

"The main thing is to get on file with our office," Chynisse Browder, a student worker in the CDP office, said.

"Once a student registers with us, we need 10 copies of their resume and their college transcripts. Companies call in looking for alumni with particular majors. We forward resumes to the companies if the student meets the criteria," she said.

Browder also indicated that the service is free.

Vic Perez, a senior majoring in marketing, plans to use the CDP and the Internet to find work.

Brian Atkinson, a junior majoring in electrical engineering says he hopes to get an internship with help from the CDP office.

"I haven't gotten anything yet, but I just got started," he said.

Atkinson said that he was just looking for some experience in his field.

To register with CDP, students should bring in a copy of their transcripts and 10 resumes. The resume should be on quality paper and free of errors. The CDP office is located in SFLC-349. Once these steps are taken, a placement staff member will explain recruiting and resume forwarding procedures.

"I'll try Monster.com. It shouldn't be to hard to find work," Perez said.

"It's a pretty good job market and we shouldn't have a tough time like back in the '80s when the economy wasn't as good," he added.

Marching for our Mother

Local parks are sponsoring annual events to raise awareness for many environmental issues.

ADAM MADISON
Staff Writer

Many long-term residents of the Region think that industries and other big business have been buying and destroying land in search of another dollar for years, but despite the perception of mass destruction, there may still be a glimmer of hope.

April has been dedicated as Earth Month.

People at Gibson Woods and Oak Ridge Prairie will be working to help replenish what many residents have thought that local industries have taken away from *the area.*

The Lake County Parks Department's staff and volunteers will be planting 10 native trees at Oak Ridge Prairie in Griffith in celebration of Arbor Day.

Joy Bower, an outdoor education supervisor, said that the public is welcome to lend a hand.

"If people want to help shovel some dirt in a hole, that's great," she said.

According to Bower, people at Oak Ridge Prairie will spend a half-hour planting the trees. A native tree hike guided by *Bower will span an hour.*

Bower hopes to foster awareness to native trees and persuade people to introduce them to their home landscape. She said native trees are generally more hardy in this area because they are accustomed to the soil and environment.

For information:

Learn about all the events going on at each Lake County park at:

thetimesonline.com/org/lcparks

Gibson Woods will be the site of the annual March for Parks. Bower said that it will be an hour-long march through the forest. Many will take part in the march including Smokey the Bear himself.

According to Bower, after Smokey returns with hikers a celebration will take place. The Boy Scouts and Girl Scouts will perform a play in the Environmental Awareness Center in the preserve. After the play there will be craft sessions, light snacks, birdhouse raffles and a bean bag toss. Bower said that the scouts will be awarded with mèrit badges at the end of the day.

Bower said that this event has been sponsored by several businesses in the area including Cerestar and BP Amoco. She said that sometimes they are forced to sponsor, but other times they are only trying to help.

Celia Barriga, a management major, agreed that companies who have contributed to the destruction of the Region are in the wrong. She said they should help the parks plant more trees to help replace what they have taken.

Bower said the donation money will be used to construct a new window in the Environmental Awareness Center. She said the new window will be low to the ground so more wildlife can be seen from inside. Microphones will be installed on the outside so birds and other animals will be heard clearly from the inside, which will benefit the disabled and those with hearing problems. Construction will begin in May.

The march will begin at 10:30 a.m. on April 29. Those that wish to help Gibson Woods can participate in the march or give donations. All checks should be made payable to the Gibson Woods Gift Fund. Those interested can contact Gibson Woods at 844-3188. It is located at 6201 Parrish Ave. in Hammond.

Those interested in participating in the plantings should visit Oak Ridge Prairie at 301 South Colfax St. in Griffith. The event will begin at 10:30 a.m. on April 28.

(Top) Gray foxes are quite a commonsight at the Gibson Woods in Hammond. The highest probabilityof seeing any of the various creatures is in the spring and fall. (Right) Take a walk on the foot bridge across waters at Gibson Woods.

Students choose their ideal candidate

JADE LEE CULBERSON
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With the Indiana primary elections looming in the near future, May 2 to be precise, many are curious as to who is going to be the next leader of the country.

Although many states have yet to hold their primaries, the options are clear. Vice President Al Gore is running for the democratic side, while Gov. George W. Bush is heading up the ballot for the republicans.

Al Gore

The names Gore and Bush go hand-in-hand with politics of the '90s. With Gore serving his second term as the vice-president under the Clinton administration and Bush being the son of a former president, the past has set the stage for our future.

George W. Bush

Although many Americans will flock to voting booths around the country for the primaries and for the national elections in November, some would prefer candidates with fresh names and ideals.

Annie VanAmstel, a sophomore majoring in accounting, is not sure if she will be voting in the November elections.

"I would vote if I found someone that I really thought would do well," VanAmstel said.

VanAmstel said that she would prefer if there were new candidates running for president.

VanAmstel listed a good education, good background, solid moral beliefs and good political knowledge as the qualities she would like to see in a presidential candidate.

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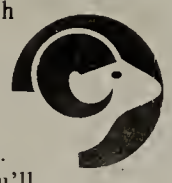
Horoscopes

For the week of April 24



Aries (March 21-April 19). Money's a big theme this week — and maybe all year. On Monday, you'll be confident, and you'll make good financial decisions. Study on Tuesday and gather pennies on Wednesday and Thursday. Study ways to peddle your talents on Friday and relax over the weekend.

Taurus (April 20-May 20). You are large and in charge this week! You're settling in as a strong character, so they all better get used to it. Decide what you want on Monday. Do the homework all week and then take action on Friday. That's your best choice for success and financial abundance. Do the chores on Saturday so you can relax with friends on Sunday.

Gemini (May 21-June 21). Instead of worrying this week, finish old business. Friends are there for you on Monday and Tuesday; just ask. Review your career plan on Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday take steps in the right direction. This weekend should be good for shopping. You'll be in a thrifty mood.

Cancer (June 22-July 22). Be patient on Monday and Tuesday. With your friends' help, you can finish a tough job. A team you organize on Wednesday and Thursday could be quite successful. Make amends wth a lost lover on Friday. You'll be in fine form on Sunday. Follow your instincts and find a real treasure.

Leo (July 23-Aug. 22). You might be somewhat frustrated this week. You want to move forward on Monday and Tuesday, but the path's littered with obstacles. Look out! There's liable to be an even bigger test on Wednesday or Thursday. Your friends come to your rescue around Friday or Saturday. Don't rely on them; they may be late. Recuperate on Sunday and ponder the lessons you've learned.

Virgo (Aug. 23-Sept. 22). Figure out how to get the money on Monday and Tuesday. You may have an opportunity involving travel or higher education on Wednesday or Thursday. If you want either of those, or to publish a book, move quickly. You'll be busy on Friday and Saturday. It may be Sunday before you have time to play with friends.

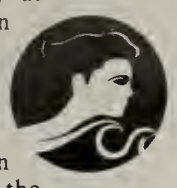
Libra (Sept. 23-Oct. 23). You need to watch your investments this week and figure out how to make good deals. Confer with your partner on Monday and Tuesday. You might make a fortune on Wednesday and Thursday, but don't gamble wildly. Only take carefully calculated risks. Travel looks good on Friday and Saturday. Ask your folks for advice on Sunday. They may surprise you.

Scorpio (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). On Monday and Tuesday emphasis is on work-related partnerships, as in finding somebody to help you. Working a trade is best; hire only if necessary. On Wednesday or Thursday you could be invited to partner with somebody else. Once technical difficulties are cleared up, that could work. Wait until Friday to sign. Finances look better then and on Saturday. Save Sunday for your loved ones.

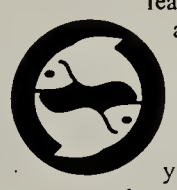
Sagittarius (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). Your workload is intense again this week. You're feisty Monday and Tuesday, but don't be distracted by your playmates. Instead, fine-tune your routine so it'll go like clockwork on Wednesday and Thursday. Focus on service then and do more than ever before. You may get help from a partner — or even an enemy — on Friday and Saturday. Fine-tune your procedures on Sunday in preparation for next week.

Capricorn (Dec. 22-Jan. 19). You should be in a cuddly mood this week. Fix things up around your place on Monday and Tuesday. Spend Wednesday and Thursday with your favorite person — or people. If you can, take those days off. You'll be in work mode on Friday and Saturday. A partnership agreement, the forever kind, could happen on purpose on Sunday.

Aquarius (Jan. 20-Feb 18). Study on Monday and Tuesday; you'll learn most quickly then. You'll be busy at home on Wednesday and Thursday. Even rain can't douse feelings for a former lover on Friday. Spend the evening out Saturday. Save the cleanup for Sunday.



Pisces (Feb. 19-March 20). Studying is your theme this week. On Monday and Tuesday learn how to make and save your money. Do not spend foolishly. Learn and apply what you've already learned to succeed brilliantly on Wednesday and Thursday. On Friday and Saturday rest your brain — and your body. Schedule your romantic outing for Sunday.



New Album Releases

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"The Filth and the Fury"
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"Deathray"
Deathray (former members of Cake)

"Makin' Love Is Good for You"
B.B. King

"One"
The Damage Manual

"Beautiful Creature"
Juliana Hatfield

"Notorious K.I.M."
Lil' Kim (f/Grace Jones)

Choose

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"I think it's better to have new candidates. You get new ideas, new approaches," she said.

Wanda Tiltges, a part-time student at PUC, will be voting in the May and November elections.

"I think people in the old political regime are too easily influenced. New people are more likely to think a different way," Tiltges said.

She said her ideal presidential candidate is strong enough to stand up for their beliefs, someone who can work with both parties and someone with strong family values.

Some, however, believe that it is better to have candidates that have been in politics for a long period of time.

Steve Masleid, a junior majoring in pre-pharmacy, has decided to vote in the May and November elections.

"I feel that people who have experience in their respective field tend to do a better job than a rookie," Masleid said.

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They'll come back...

BOB GRANTZ
Sports Editor

Americans love the underdog. We always have and probably always will. This theory rings especially true in the world of sports. If we didn't love underdogs would anyone cared if Rocky beat Ivan Drago, the big Russian guy, in Rocky IV?

People tend to root for the team less likely to win. Look at this past Super Bowl between the St. Louis Rams and the Tennessee Titans. Both teams had a strong following because they were both underdogs prior to that season. In the game itself, fans supported Tennessee because St. Louis had taken the lead late in the game and the Titans had mounted a terrific drive to win the game.

People were heartbroken when the drive fell just short and Tennessee lost.

Why were these people so disappointed when Tennessee fell short? Because they were the underdog and they mounted a stupendous comeback that fell short.

This is the same principle that made men like Jim Harbaugh and John Elway popular. They were underdogs who brought their teams back to victory.

The love of the underdog is especially prevalent around here. Chicago is the home of the Cubs, the biggest underdog in professional baseball today. Don't get me wrong, I love the Cubbies; I have since I was little. The records can't be ignored though. They haven't been to the World Series since 1945. They lost that year by the way. Last time they actually won the World Series was 1908.

That's a pretty long time.

Incidentally for all you White Sox fans, they haven't been to the World Series since 1959, so don't go getting some superiority complex.

We still love the Cubs because it's fun to root for them. If they lose it's no big deal. If they win, it's party time. That's the great thing about underdogs, winning is a bonus. Underdogs are expected to lose. That's why they are the underdogs. A win is just gravy. It's much more disappointing to root for a team that wins all the time when they lose.

We pull for those who have the odds stacked up against them. Rooting for someone who wins all the time is too easy. If a team is 16-0 or something, the odds are pretty good that the team will win their next game. I tend to root for the team playing trying to break that undefeated streak. Underdogs are just more fun to root for. So the next time you flip on the TV to watch a game and you start rooting for the team that is losing, hold your head up high. Rooting for the underdog is the American way.

Any questions or comments? Contact Bob Grantz at grantzrj@axp.calumet.purdue.edu.

Spotlight on:

Tina Schmidt

JADE LEE CULBERSON
Copy Editor

When Tina Schmidt hears the rhythmic pounding of people running, the humming of the treadmills, and the grunting to get that last set up, she knows that she has arrived to work.

Although the sound of treadmills and the slamming of weights are sounds she has gotten used to in her two years working at the Total Fitness Center, Schmidt has brought new approaches to what staying fit is all about.

According to John Bobalik, director of the TFC, Schmidt wears many hats as an exercise specialist at the TFC.

"She does a lot of different things, and she does them very well," Bobalik said.

Schmidt, an exercise specialist at the TFC, is currently in charge of all TFC aerobics programs and works with incentive programs each semester.

Schmidt received her master's degree in clinical exercise physiology. She worked as an intern for the TFC twice during her time in college, once as an undergraduate and once as a graduate student.

"I've known since high school that I wanted to be involved in fitness somehow," Schmidt said.

Rob Jensen, director of wellness and fitness, has worked with Schmidt since she was an undergraduate intern.

"She has a very high level of enthusiasm," Jensen said.

"She does a great job whether she's working with the 18-year-old students or the 80-year-old Purdue retirees," he added.

According to Schmidt, she is happy to be working with a staff who more than 50 years of experience.

"I just wish more people on campus would be aware of the facility available to them," Schmidt said.

"Exercise is the most important appointment of the day," she added.

She is working with a team of PUC students and staff who will be participating in the March of Dimes walk April 30. The walk has an option of 10K or 20K, and begins at Highland High School.

Schmidt will also be getting together a team of PUC staff for the annual Chase Corporate Challenge in Chicago. The Challenge is a three and a half-mile run which will take place on Aug. 3.

In addition to her work at the TFC, she is the head coach of the girls swim team at Munster High School.

She is also a presenter for FRA-AFAA, a personal training certification program that travels around the U.S.

According to Jensen, Schmidt keeps up with the cutting edge of fitness research and information.

"She keeps right on top of the fitness industry," Jensen said.

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Tina Schmidt, an exercise specialist at the TFC, manages to make time to exercise between working and coaching girl's swimming at Munster High School.

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